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## Council Member

# Mike Sullivan's Newsletter

### Residents of District E,

Houston Fire Department Sr. Captain Thomas William "Bill" Dillion was the 64<sup>th</sup> fire fighter to die in the line of duty. He was 49 years old, and a 22 year veteran of HFD, and was 2 weeks shy of his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sr. Captain Dillion died on his oldest son's birthday (March 14<sup>th</sup>). Dillion was stationed at station 69, located on Beltway 8 West, where he was looked up to by his fellow fire fighters. I attended the initial press conference announcing his passing, the memorial service, and the funeral. I do this to show my respect for the work our public safety officials do for us, and to honor them and their families.

Our annual CIP meetings just concluded and they were considered successful by many measures. Turnout was good and my constituents were engaged in the discussions. The city's public works department presented an update on "Rebuild Houston", the former Proposition 1, aka the Rain Tax. Looking back, only 35% of Kingwood residents voted "for" the Rain Tax, and only 45% of Clear Lake residents voted "for" it. We now see why; Mayor Parker stated at both of my CIP meetings that she would employ a "Worst First" priority list. This means, and I am being very honest, that we will not see any Rebuild Houston monies. Even though we pay into the new drainage fee every month, we will not receive anything significant for a very, very, very long time. The mayor disagrees with me on this, but the numbers do not lie.

The city's annual budget process will begin in earnest soon. We are staring at yet another budget deficit of somewhere between 30 - 100 million dollars for the next fiscal year. Conservative estimates are around \$100 million, and more optimistic estimates are between \$30 - \$50 million dollars. City departments were recently given their target letters, which guides them on building their budget for presentation to mayor and city council. Look for me to offer tens of millions of dollars in budget reduction amendments this year, just as I have since being sworn in. I take the budget process seriously and will aggressively fight against all non-essential spending. Our city must live within its means, cease borrowing to fund projects, and be fiscally responsible. I will do everything I can to push this philosophy at city council.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

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### Bay Area Republican Women's Luncheon

On March 28th, Council Member Sullivan's South Sector Manager, Allie VanDeventer attended BARW monthly luncheon. The guest speaker for this event was, Borah Van Dormolen, Texas National Committeewomen.

### Junk Waste

Council Member Sullivan would like to remind his constituents that during the



**Mike Sullivan**  
Council Member

### Houston Aeros Day

On March 11th, Council Member Sullivan presented a proclamation naming it Houston Aeros Day in the City of Houston. This game was devoted to breast cancer awareness. In addition, the team named Council Member Sullivan an Honorary Aeros for his work as a Council Member in the Community.



*Council Member Sullivan with  
Thomas Steed of the Houston Aeros.*

### Sullivan Hosts Kingwood CIP Meeting

On March 22, 2012, Council Member Sullivan hosted a Capital Improvement Project Meeting at Creekwood Middle School in Kingwood. City representatives from various departments attended and made themselves available for District E residents to ask questions. Council Member Sullivan appreciates everyone that attended.



*Council Member at the Kingwood  
CIP Meeting.*

### Ron Carter -Clear Lake Ribbon Cutting



*Clear Lake Area Chamber Representatives,  
Allie VanDeventer of Council Member  
Sullivan's office and Ron Carter  
Representatives.*

On March 8th, Council Member Sullivan's South Sector Manager, Allie VanDeventer attended a ribbon cutting at Ron Carter- Clear Lake. She presented a certificate on behalf of Council Member Sullivan, welcoming the business to the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about Ron Carter; [CLICK HERE](#).

### Replant Kingwood Event

On March 16, 2012, Council Member Sullivan held a joint press conference with representatives from Houston Parks and Recreation, Trees for Houston, KBR, and HCA HealthCare. The press conference announced the upcoming Replant Kingwood event slated for March 31st. The event will plant 100, 15 gallon trees along the median of Kingwood Drive to beautify the drought affected areas. Council Member Sullivan appreciates the involvement of the corporate partners in this project and realizes this would not be possible without them.

month of April the city's Solid Waste Management Department will pick up Junk Waste. Junk Waste is defined as furniture, appliances and other bulky material. Resident's who receive City of Houston trash pick up service can legally put junk waste out at 6:00 p.m. the Friday before their designated pick up day.

Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste months. However, to ensure that your Tree Waste is recycled you may hold your Tree Waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or take it to a neighborhood depository.

For more information;

[Click Here](#)

### E-Recycling

Kingwood Metro Center  
3210 W. Lake Houston  
Pkwy  
1st Saturday of the month

Ellington Recycle Center  
Hwy 3 @Brantley Rd.  
2nd Saturday of the month

**For more information,  
and accepted materials:**  
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### Bay Oaks Community Association

On Thursday, March 29th, Council Member Sullivan had the opportunity to speak to the Bay Oaks Community Association. Council Member Sullivan joined Constable Phil Sandlin in educating the association members on safety and security in the community. Council Member Sullivan enjoyed his time with BOCA and looks forward to future meetings.



*Council Member Mike Sullivan,  
Kingwood Medical Center CEO  
Melinda Stephenson, Houston Parks  
Department Director Joe Turner,  
Executive Director of Infrastructure  
Americas Nick Bokaie, KBR  
Executive Director and Trees for  
Houston Executive Director Barry  
Ward.*

### Career Day at Clear Lake Christian School



*Council Member Sullivan with Clear  
Lake Christian School Students*

with the students and hopes to be invited back to future events.

On March 9, 2012, Council Member Sullivan had the opportunity to speak to a group of students at Clear Lake Christian School for Career Day. He spoke to the group about what it's like being a city council member and the steps he took to reach the position he's in today. Council Member Sullivan informed the students to always have goals, work hard and never give up. He continued by interacting with the students about their knowledge of city government, what their goals were and answering any questions they had. Council Member Sullivan truly enjoyed his dialogue

### BOPA Recycling Event Results

On Saturday, March 24th, Council Member Sullivan attended the B.O.P.A Recycling Event at Ellington Recycling Center. Council Member Sullivan thanks everyone that participated in the recycling effort.

The results below detail the turnout of the weekend event;

- 293 cars serviced
- 1875 lbs (250 Gallons) Motor oil and anti-freeze
- 870 lbs. Lead acid batteries
- 237 lbs. Rechargeable batteries
- 12242 lbs Latex paint
- Total weight: 15224 lbs
- Average weight per car: 52 lbs



*BOPA volunteers, City of Houston  
Employees and Council Member  
Sullivan.*

### University of Houston Live Mascot

On March 24th, Council Member Sullivan attended the welcome party at the Houston Zoo for the University of Houston's new live mascot, Shasta VI. The event marked the end of nearly two decades in which the university had been without a live mascot. The mascot will remain at the zoo, however will be available at U of H games and events via a live webcam. Council Member Sullivan is glad to see an important U of H tradition restored.

### Sullivan Hosts Townhall Meetings

Council Member Mike Sullivan will be hosting two town hall meetings in District E this Spring. Since Hurricane Season quickly approaching the Council Member would like to provide the residents of District E with the necessary information in preparation for any such disaster. Along with city department representatives covering district projects, the City's Office of Emergency Management, Harris County Office of Security & Emergency Management, TranStar, TxDOT, United Way and Disaster Recovery - Tree Removal Co will also be presenting their 2012 Hurricane Preparedness Contingency Plans.

Please join the Council Member in

**Kingwood April 24<sup>th</sup>  
at Creekwood Middle School  
from 6:00-7:30pm.**

**or,**

**in Clear Lake May 7<sup>th</sup> at the  
University of Houston -Clear  
Lake from  
6:00 to 7:30pm.**

For more information please contact his office at 832-393-3008.

### B.O.P.A Upcoming Recycling

The Solid Waste Department will collect normal batteries, oil (used motor and cooking oil), paint (Latex only; no oil base or unlabeled containers), antifreeze and electronics (to include TVs).

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Kingwood Recycling Center  
April 28, 2012**

### Sullivan's Quick Links

- [District E map](#)

-District E [photo gallery](#)



*Council Member Sullivan and Brian Hill, Director of Public Affairs at the Houston Zoo.*

### BARC Adoption Center



*Council Member Sullivan with Council Member Ed Gonzales, Mayor Annise Parker and ARA Director Alfred Moran.*

Council Member Sullivan attended a press event on March 20th, to unveil plans for the new two acre BARC Adoption Center. The project will be constructed in four phases and includes adoption suites, a dog park, clinical areas to host low cost spay and neuter services, and many other site upgrades. According to ARA Director Alfred Moran, the City has plans to make the BARC center one of the best in the country.

For more information regarding the new BARC Center or animal adoptions, [Click Here](#)

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### Lake Houston Area Chamber Luncheon

Council Member Sullivan attended the monthly Lake Houston Area Chamber Luncheon on March 24, 2012, at the Kingwood Country Club. The lunch featured guest speaker, Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle, who discussed projects and mobility issues in precinct 4. Council Member Sullivan visited with chamber members and guest to update them on activities in the district.



*Council Member Sullivan and Lake Houston Area Chamber President Charlie Dromgoole.*

### Sullivan Interviews with Channel 13



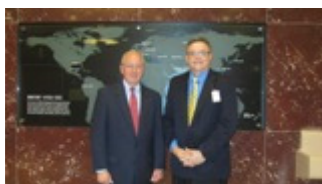
On March 16th, Council Member Sullivan was interviewed by Channel 13 reporter Miya Shay. The interview was in regards to the proposed expansion of international flights to Houston Hobby Airport. Council Member Sullivan stressed his opposition to the international expansion and stated that the city needs to protect its multimillion dollar



*Miya Shay interviewing Council Member Sullivan.*

investment at Bush IAH. To read the story please: [Click Here](#)

### **Invocation at Houston City Council Meeting**



*Council Member Sullivan and Pastor Brian Gowan.*

On March 27th, Council Member Sullivan invited Pastor Brian Gowan of Grace Community Church to give the invocation at the City Council Public Session. Council Member Sullivan deeply appreciates Pastor Gowan attending and providing the Council Members and audience such a powerful message.

### **Lake Houston Wilderness Park**

Council Member Sullivan attended a press event and tour of the newly updated Lake Houston Wilderness park on March 23rd. Council Member Sullivan explored the park's newly expanded trail system and toured the recently completed lakeside cabins and nature center. Council Member Sullivan is thrilled to have such a great asset in the community.

For more information about Lake Houston Wilderness Park or cabin rentals please [Click Here](#).



*Montgomery County Commissioner Ed Rinehart sitting with Council Member Sullivan.*

### **Sullivan Vists HFD Station # 103**

On March 27th, Council Member Sullivan visited station 103's C-shift. He had the opportunity to discuss service calls and public safety issues concerning the district. Council Member Sullivan is appreciative of the stations hospitality and looks forward to his next visit.



*Council Member Sullivan with Firefighters from station 103 C-Shift.*

### **Sullivan meets with Cub Scout**

On March 10th, Council Member Sullivan met with Cub Scout Hunter Thomas. Hunter reached out to Council Member Sullivan to work on earning his Citizenship Activity Badge for Webelos. Council Member Sullivan enjoyed visiting with Hunter and getting to know about him and his troop.



*Council Member Sullivan and Hunter Thomas.*



*Council Member Sullivan  
throwing out the 1st pitch.*

### **U of H VS. Baylor Baseball**

On Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Sullivan was invited to throw the first pitch at the University of Houston Baseball game against Baylor University. The Council Member visited with the U of H Coaches and Athletics Marketing staff as well as several members of the team. Council Member Sullivan is thankful for the opportunity to throw out the 1st pitch.

### **BBVA Compass Stadium News Conference**

On March 27, 2012, Council Member Sullivan attended a news conference at the stadium. At the conference, General Manager Doug Hall announced the first concert event at BBVA Compass Stadium. Council Member Sullivan looks forward to future announcements.

For more information on the first concert event; [Click Here.](#)



*Dave Martin of the Harris County  
Sports Authority Board, General  
Manager Doug Hall and Council  
Member Sullivan.*

### **Sullivan Attends Retirement Celebration**

On March 24, 2012, Council Member Sullivan attended the retirement celebration for Houston Firefighter Flores at Station #70. Mr Horacio Flores has been with the department for 29 years. Council Member Sullivan truly thanks Mr. Flores for his dedicated service to The City of Houston.



*Firefighter Horacio Flores and  
Council Member Sullivan.*

### **Tree Planting in Kingwood**



*Council Member Sullivan, David  
Bradley, Phillip Ivy and Jamie  
Hartwell all of KBR.*

Council Member Sullivan attended the Replant Kingwood event on March 31st. The replant event took place along the median of Kingwood Drive and replanted over 100 trees that were lost to the recent drought. Council Member Sullivan appreciates KBR, HCA Hospital System and Trees for Houston, for the great generosity they have shown the community.

### **Rockets Game with University of Houston**

On March 26th, Council Member Sullivan invited guest from U of H's Center for Public Policy to the Houston Rocket's Game. During the game, Council Member



Sullivan had the opportunity to learn more about the program. Council Member Sullivan enjoyed this evening and thanks his guests for attending.

*Mr. David Branham of U of H-Downtown, Renee Cross Director of U of H Center for Public Policy, Mayara Fernandez Public Policy Intern and Council Member Sullivan.*

### **Bay Area Republican Women's Annual Lincoln Day Dinner**

On March 24th, Council Member Sullivan attended the Bay Area Republican Women's 21st Annual Lincoln Day Dinner at Bay Oaks Country Club. Council Member Sullivan was accompanied by North Sector Manager Kelly Waterman and Brittany Taggart. While there, Council Member Sullivan visited with community advocates and local elected officials. Council Member Sullivan is a longtime supporter of the club and looks forward to next year's event.



*Kelly Waterman, Council Member Sullivan's North Sector Manager and Brittany Taggart.*

### **Clip & Save** **Calendar of Events for District E**

#### **Clear Lake Events**

**April 14th-** Clear Lake E-Waste Recycling Event @ Ellington Recycling Center

**April 18th-** CCISD Board Of Trustees Candidates Forum @ Clear Lake Area Chamber - 5:30-7pm

#### **Kingwood Events**

**April 7th-** Kingwood E-Waste Recycling Event @ Kingwood Recycling Center

**April 24th-** Kingwood Townhall Meeting @ Creekwood Middle School- 6:00-7:30pm

**April 28th -** Kingwood B.O.P.A Event @ Kingwood Recycling Center- 10:00am-2:00pm

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